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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT : Daily Log

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[ ] reports that in its effort to exploit the Albanian boat-defectors, a total of 18 newsmen, photographers, radio and newsreel representatives were flown to Corfu. The story was front-paged in Greece. In addition to coverage by at least one international news service, the defectors' story also was covered in newsreels that were sent direct to New York for developing and world distribution. [ ] reports that the kidnaped Captain of the vessel, aged 68, talked freely to newsmen and stated he had no wish to return but was forced to do so since the Albanian regime was holding his wife and children as hostages. Although this statement by the Captain, which was inadvertently publicized in Greece, may have compromised him in the eyes of the regime, no effort will be made to persuade him to remain in Greece for further PSYCH exploitation. Headquarters has undertaken steps to comply with the [ ] request for previewing and editing the newsreels sent to New York. [ ] 552 dtd 27 Nov 53, IN 37760)  
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